

Good evening, Mr. Tom Chandler.

I want to let you know that I find it very disappointed to hear that FCC is cutting down the reimbursement rates for VRS providers. There are three reasons why you should reverse your decision.

1. 75% of people with disabilities are unemployed compared to 6% of people in general. The accommodation for people of disabilities is the main factor for not hiring. VRS provided the live interpreter for deaf people with its primary language - ASL.

2. Cost of hiring good quality of interpreters. The number of good quality of interpreters is very low. Since VRS offers a good salary more than a freelance job. Now, cutting the cost of reimbursement will reduce the cost of salary where the good quality of interpreters will look for other job.

3. My rights. Since FCC will reduce the reimbursement costs which will eliminate 24/7 service that deprive my right to access the equal communication anytime.

I hope that you are re-considering your decision.

Thank you.
John